

**MINUTES
PARK COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 30, 2016
City Hall, Room 207
5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aldermen Jerry Wiezbiskie, Joseph Moore, Brian Danzinger, and David Nennig

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dawne Cramer, Dan Ditscheit, James Andersen, Ann Moeller, and Steve Grenier

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2016

A motion was made by Ald. Nennig and seconded by Ald. Moore to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2016. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to adopt the agenda of the March 30, 2016, Park Committee meeting. Motion carried.

1. Discussion/Action on a request by Compassion International, a non-profit 501c3 organization, to hold a Walk with Compassion event on June 18, 2016, at Joannes Park

Compassion International, a non-profit 501c3 organization, is proposing to host an interactive event meant to raise awareness to its cause by showing people the effects poverty has on children. This event would be at Joannes Park and the East River Trail on June 18, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Compassion International is dedicated to ending child poverty around the world. Its goal is to seek out local churches in poverty-stricken areas and train the members to educate, train, and administer funds as needed. Compassion volunteers work to find sponsors for struggling children to aid in supplying support so that the children have the opportunity to grow and be educated.

Seven stations will be set up throughout the park showing different struggles the children face to give people a clear image. At the end of the station walk, there is an expo where people can choose to sponsor a child, write a letter of encouragement, make donations, and take part in a 5K run/walk. It is anticipated that there will be 150 people in attendance. The group has rented to park shelter and obtained all building permits for tents.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Lawrence Krummel Jr., Compassion International – They are looking for corporate sponsors to support children, but they also host walks to raise awareness and funds. Eighty percent of the funds raised go towards sponsoring children. Compassion staff trains individuals at local churches and schools to administer the program because the local leaders know what the members of their community need. Compassion distributes the funds to those leaders and regulates to avoid corruption. We would like to make this a community event.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to return to regular order of business. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Nennig to approve the request by Compassion International, a non-profit 501c3 organization, to hold a Walk with Compassion event on June 18, 2016, at Joannes Park contingent upon the following:

- All costs of the event are the responsibility of Compassion International;
- All proper permits and insurances being obtained;
- Must adhere to all noise ordinances and regulations;
- Final approval of the City's Special Events Committee.

Motion carried.

2. Discussion/Action on the Bullfrogs' 2016 schedule and promotional events

The 2016 game schedule, along with promotional night offerings the Green Bay Bullfrogs will be hosting, was distributed to the Committee members.

Our Department met with Risk Management, City Attorneys, and pertinent City departments to ensure all promotional nights are approved per City policy and ordinance, as well as making sure the nights are covered under the Green Bay Bullfrogs insurance and any other permits and special event requirements. Most of the promotional nights and special events are the same as last year and have already been approved by the Park Committee. There are a few exceptions that we will be discussing.

On June 11, 2016, a Boy Scout Campout will take place as part of the area Scout Appreciation Night. Fifty to one hundred scouts and guardians will have the opportunity for free to enjoy a movie in the outfield and then camp out overnight. They will keep the movie in centerfield and direct it away from neighboring houses as to not have noise become a nuisance. The movie will be the first activity of the night also. There will also be post-game fireworks that night. This event was approved through Park Committee in 2014, and once again the Bullfrogs will need a variance to the ordinance to allow overnight camping in a City park as required and because a movie is being played in a City park afterhours.

On June 26, 2016, the Green Bay Bullfrogs would once again like to host a Bark in the Park promotional day on June 26, 2016. This was approved and successfully run in 2015. The ballpark will be open for guests to bring dogs during the time the gates are

open for the Bullfrogs game only. We would require those fans that participate to have their dog on a leash at all times. Dogs that attend must be up-to-date with all vaccines. Bullfrogs' staff will have water containers around the ballpark, as well as waste containers. Fans will be encouraged to only bring dogs that cooperate well with others. This promotion has been done by a number of Northwoods League teams, as well as major and minor league teams, with lots of success and no issues. It has been well received by fans of teams that have hosted this event.

Last year our staff reviewed this in detail with the City Attorney. They recommended that the approval should be contingent upon the Bullfrogs handling all proper permits, insurance, proof of vaccinations, and licenses being obtained per each dog entering Joannes Stadium. These requirements would apply again this year. Bark in the Park Day would also require the Park Committee and City Council to temporarily suspend Ordinance 25.04-9 to allow dogs at Joannes Stadium, but still require them to be on a leash, on June 26, 2016, for Bark in the Park event.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked who was responsible for clean-up. Staff replied that the Bullfrogs will be in charge of maintaining the park as they did last year.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Ald. Wiezbiskie inquired about the "dog giveaway" on the promotions list.

Liz Kern, Green Bay Bullfrogs – Fans that bring in a dog for this event will receive a branded item as a keepsake. This will be either a dog leash or a doggie bag holder with the Bullfrogs logo. She discussed the Bullfrogs 2016 schedule in detail.

On August 4, 2016, the Bullfrogs are once again recommending a human cannonball event. This has been done in the past. This event has been approved by the Risk Management Department, the City Attorney, and Bullfrogs' insurance provider.

There are six proposed firework nights on June 3, June 11, June 25, July 3, July 9, and July 16, 2016. This is three more than in 2015. These firework nights are approved, and proper permits have been secured through the Green Bay Fire Department.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to return to regular order of business. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Nennig and seconded by Ald. Moore to approve the Bullfrogs schedule of events for the 2016 season, allow a Boy Scout Campout at Joannes Stadium on June 11, 2016, and to allow dogs to be in Joannes Stadium on June 26, 2016, for the Bark in the Park event contingent upon the following:

- All proper permits and insurances being obtained;
- Final special event approval from the City Special Events Committee;
- Prohibiting the sale of hard liquor;
- Must adhere to all noise ordinances and regulations;

- Bullfrogs responsible for requesting proof of vaccinations and licenses for each dog entering Joannes Stadium for the Bark in the Park event;
- The Park Committee and City Council to temporarily suspend Ordinance 25.04-9 to allow dogs at Joannes Stadium, but still require them to be on a leash, on June 26, 2016, for Bark in the Park event.

Motion carried.

3. Discussion/Action on accepting a donation of ornamental light poles and fixtures at Whitney Park from Garritt Bader

Mr. Bader approached the Parks Department and is interested in funding the replacement and upgrade of the existing lights at Whitney Park. This project would also include electrical upgrades by the new stage to accommodate the “Summer in the Park” concert series.

Currently the park has seven lights. Four of them are along the park walkways, and three of them are outside of the perimeter sidewalk. All of the existing lighting consists of wood poles with 250-watt fixtures rented from Wisconsin Public Service (WPS). Rental cost is \$23.72 per month per fixture, or \$1,992.48 per year.

This proposal would remove five of the WPS poles, four along the interior walks and one located near Jackson Street near the perimeter of the park. A total of ten new lights would be installed in the park. Eight of the lights would be along the walks with two additional lights centrally located on the east and west sides of the park. The new lights would be gas lamp era style using energy efficient LED bulbs. The poles would be 15-foot-tall steel poles painted black. The poles could also include a post for seasonal banners. It is estimated that the revised monthly lighting cost of the park, including the two remaining WPS poles, would be \$68.72, or \$824.64 per year. This would be a yearly savings of \$1,167.84 in utility costs. The new electrical system could be fed off of the existing electric panel in the shelter. The wiring would be bored to prevent damage to the roots of the existing trees.

Ald. Moore asked if the lighting is donated and the City is responsible for installation. Staff clarified that the donation includes both the lighting and the installation.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Garritt Bader – His goal is to beautify the park and the neighborhood to attract homeowners to the area.

Ald. Wiezbiskie stated that G. Bader has donated before and is not asking for handouts. He thanked him for all of his efforts.

Ald. Moore inquired about the streetlight on Jackson and wondered if it would affect the plan if it could not be removed. Staff had spoken with our Traffic Engineer, and since the light was facing the park, he felt it could be removed.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked if the LED lights were down-facing. G. Bader replied yes.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to return to regular order of business. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Nennig and seconded by Ald. Moore to accept a donation of ornamental light poles and fixtures at Whitney Park from Garritt Bader contingent upon the following:

- All costs of materials, construction, and installation are the responsibility of Garritt Bader;
- Park staff approval of the final site design and installation plans;
- Once installed, it becomes City property;
- All proper permits and insurances being obtained;
- All materials must meet the City of Green Bay buildings and inspection codes.

Motion carried.

4. Discussion/Action on the revised Colburn Pool operations study, proposed concepts, and cost saving bidding options

At the last Park Committee meeting, staff was directed to meet with Public Works Director Grenier to discuss possible cost-saving bidding options.

Director Grenier addressed the Committee. Bidding for this project meets the requirements of public construction under state statutes. There is no proposal or quotation process available. The terms RFP, RFQ, and bidding are not interchangeable.

Director Grenier explained the four options:

- Option #1 suggested at the last Park Committee meeting was to identify the budget and have the contractor tell us what they can build for that amount. This is more accurately described as a design/build contract. While this option provides flexibility to the client to select alternates and change the design after the award, it is counter to public construction laws under Wisconsin statutes. Public construction must be on the basis of sealed and competitive bids and must be awarded to the low qualified bidder. This is not an option.
- Option #2 was to bid both an Olympic-sized pool and a smaller sized pool and award a contract that we can fund. This is acceptable per state statutes. The disadvantage to this approach is that the City will have to create two sets of construction documents. This will significantly increase the design time and the engineering fees. Contractors will tend to bet that the larger pool will not be selected so they will likely increase the cost of the smaller pool to make sure their costs are covered.

- Option #3 was to bid the project out in a cafeteria-style manner with a base bid and alternate bids. The City could then select whichever alternates have the greatest return for the cost. This approach is also allowable per Wisconsin statutes and would likely have the greatest amount of flexibility for selecting the pool elements. It also creates the most amount of uncertainty to the contractor. They will likely inflate the costs for the known elements that will be built because of the uncertainty if any alternatives will be selected. In addition, the contractor would likely add contingencies into all of the alternatives because of the uncertainty of which alternatives will be selected. In this scenario, it is likely that the entire project with all of the alternatives would be more expensive than if this project was bid together as a base bid with no alternatives.
- Option #4 suggested at the last Park Committee meeting was to bid out three prime contracts, one for the pool, one for the building, and one for the site work. City staff would act as the general contractor in this option. This is also allowable under Wisconsin state statute. This option would save the City approximately 5-10% in markup that the contractor is allowed for hiring and managing subcontractors. The disadvantage to this approach is that the City would have to prepare and administer multiple bid packages, which will increase the design time and the engineering fees. The City would also have to manage multiple contractors at the same time. In this scenario, the City would take on the responsibility of potential increase in damages due to delays. If one contractor causes a delay, this will delay the other contractors which could cause a damage claim. In addition, contract administration and inspection would have to be bid out as the Public Works Department does not have a staff member that can be dedicated to this project without sacrificing other necessary infrastructure projects. The savings would have to be spent hiring the contract administration consultant.

Ald. Moore questioned if prevailing wage applies to this project. Director Grenier said yes.

Ald. Nennig asked what process was taken to build the other two pools in Green Bay and if staff was content with that process. Staff explained that each had a single design that went out for bid. A general contractor was awarded the bid, and they subcontracted out for the work to be completed.

Ald. Danzinger commented on the bid process. We have sent out bids that have been returned at a much higher cost than expected, and we have turned them down. Director Grenier said that the City has the right to reject any and all bids.

Ald. Danzinger asked if we could send out bids for a 50-meter pool with a budget of \$4,500,000-\$5,000,000, and then if bids came back higher, we could reject them. Director Grenier responded that we already have a qualified engineer estimate on that project; therefore, we already know that the project estimate far exceeds our budget. It would be a breach of ethics to continue searching for lower bids for a project that exceeds our budget. He added that we could redesign the pool now and remove portions of it to get our concept more in line with our budget. Then we could send the revised project out to bid that is within our budget.

Ald. Danzinger agreed but said based on the timeline established by the Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department, going back to the design phase would remove possibility of project completion as estimated. We would also have to pay for another engineering design.

Ald. Wiezbiskie reiterated that we already hired a professional engineer who is estimating the Olympic-sized pool concept far exceeds our expected budget. Director Grenier said that he has worked with the engineering firm in the past and has found them to be very competent. There is no reason to believe that we were given an inflated estimate. Although I haven't reviewed the estimate, based on my past experience with the firm, I feel their estimate should be an accurate estimate of actual project costs.

Ald. Wiezbiskie questioned if the City has ever completed a project using multiple contractors to do the work with split responsibilities. Director Grenier responded that this strategy would be very unusual compared to past practice. There would be a level of liability to the City that he would be uncomfortable accepting. In that case, he would defer the situation to the Risk Management Department to assess our potential liability. He is also concerned about the role his staff would need to take on the project site, which would be acting as a general contractor rather than design engineers.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked Director Grenier to respond to the lack of viable cost-saving bidding options for the Committee to consider. Director Grenier replied that he gave his professional opinion on the options the Committee is faced with, and with the exception of Option #1 – the design/build contract – all are viable and obviously have pros and cons. They are all permitted under state statute. He added that a single design concept going to a single contractor will provide the best estimate of costs involved for construction.

Director Grenier stated that if the pool estimate in 2014 stated a \$4,500,000 construction cost, the revised \$6,800,000 estimate is right in line with what the Public Works Department is seeing for cost increases in other projects.

Ald. Wiezbiskie explained that Ald. Wery did want to attend this meeting but was unable to do so.

Staff reminded the Park Committee that since the study was done in 2014 estimating the pool to cost \$4,500,000, construction costs have gone up. Everyone was aware that a pool of this size was just going to get more expensive as time went on. Additionally, staff was asked to produce numbers for operating cost projections. It is nearly impossible to provide these projections when staff does not even know what concept is going forward. To add to the confusion, we are going to have new members of City Council next week. All of this will have to be brought back again to the Council after the election.

Ald. Wiezbiskie reminded that we have actual estimated costs at this point for both concepts - \$6,800,000 for the large pool and \$5,000,000 for the neighborhood pool.

Both exceed the original estimate of \$4,500,000 from the 2014 study. He has many constituents who have concerns about spending \$6,800,000 on the pool.

Ald. Moore said the majority of his constituents simply want a pool. Originally the plan was to remove the pool completely and not rebuild. From a budget standpoint, Colburn Pool continues to show up in the Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department's budget with maintenance dollars spent to let it "limp along" until ultimately it is too expensive to repair or cannot be repaired anymore. Then it will just be removed. The issue is so difficult because there are so many people to appease, and the Park Committee has to deal with the reality that there is a budget. We can only bond so much before other services in the City are cut from the budget. There would be \$2,300,000 of additional funding that would need to be bonded for if we went with the Olympic-sized pool, and that funding would then consequently have to be removed from other City services to cover it. He said there are 1,700 homes in the City with lead pipes. It costs \$2,000 per line to replace these pipes. That is \$3,400,000 that we cannot bond for at this time. We cannot cut services to get a swimming pool in Colburn Park.

Ald. Wiezbiskie commented that every year around budget time, the Park Committee has to look at a multiple-page list of items that need to be taken care of in our City parks. Because of budget constraints, we are barely able to take care of a few items per year.

Ald. Nennig reminded that some of the private pledged dollars were donated over a period of three years. Therefore, when the City bonds for Colburn Pool, we will have to bond for more than just the City's share because the private dollars are on a schedule to be disbursed. The more you bond, the more interest is accruing over the repayment period. The philosophy in the past was to have two pools in the City, one on the west side and one on the east. Originally Colburn Pool was the choice to be kept over Resch Aquatic Center, but that has changed over time. We are trying to be fiscally responsible.

Ald. Danzinger asked Director Grenier why he believes prices have increased so much in the past two years. Director Grenier responded that it is a variety of reasons. There has been a steady rise in material costs since 2014. Construction costs include the cost of materials, as well as the cost of the contractors that perform the work. A contractor is entitled to a fair and equitable profit. If he does not make that, he will not be in business anymore. The job of engineers is to determine what is fair and equitable. Like all businesses, there are things that affect pricing that you do not anticipate, such as healthcare cost and other insurance increases, employee wage rates, etc. Construction material costs have increased 12-22% over the past couple of years. Healthcare costs have risen 25-30% annually. All of these costs must be factored in to the overhead costs of the contractor for them to stay in business. Labor and equipment costs increase as well.

Ald. Danzinger requested Director Grenier speak about the swim teams indicating that contractors are giving much lower estimates than the engineering estimate and how prevailing wage, design options, oversight management, technical labor, etc. affect that. Director Grenier said it again is a variety of factors. When projects come in, bid documents should be clear and use tried-and-true construction. There is less risk

involved, and the exposure to liability is not there. For similar projects, prices might come down. The more inherent the risk and the uncertainty, the higher the cost has to be to protect the contractor.

Ald. Danzinger also commented on the use of our engineering staff in the contractor role who might not be comfortable with those duties. His concern is that in saving the 10% contracting portion, we will be using that in staff time. Director Grenier said we would not be able to use Public Works staff as that work is out of the scope of their professional training. A contractor would have to be hired.

Ald. Danzinger reminded that there were a number of open house meetings to discuss options for the pool. Some want the 50-meter pool, and others wanted additional amenities such as the wall, zero-depth entry, etc. If we would remove all amenities that were discussed at these meetings and build a 50-meter pool with no amenities, which group is getting preference – 50-meter swimmers or those neighbors who came to those meetings and provided their input and donated towards that end? He believes the 50-meter pool is an asset to the health and wellness of the community, and it helps with overall fitness of this community. Staff needs direction on which concept will be moving forward. Another option could be a 50-meter pool with no amenities, which will still come in over budget and the City would have to scramble to find the funds to build. This would have to go back to the design stage, which would take another 2-3 months to redesign this concept. The price might still come out to \$6,000,000, and amenities that the public wanted would not be included.

Ald. Nennig stated he felt like this project has gone back to Square 1 where we need to know what the public wants within budget. Swim clubs have stated they would not use the pool unless it is Olympic-sized. The neighborhood decided that certain amenities would be very important to them at Colburn Pool. He does not believe the current City Council would have approved this pool if the price tag was at \$6,800,000 back in 2014 when the budget for the pool was discussed. We need to decide what the priorities are for the parameters that we have fiscally. Perhaps the next step is to discuss this with the City Council to see how far they are willing to go. It is difficult to move forward with the original concept when we are not confident the money will be there when it comes time to bond for it. Parameters need to be set by the new City Council. It makes no sense to have the engineering consultant create another design that the public does not want.

Director Grenier explained that the original budget set for any concept is a ballpark number based on comparables. As the concepts are refined, this budget might go up or down depending on decisions made throughout the process, such as types of materials, filters, pumps, etc. Don't get fixated on the \$6,800,000 final cost; it could go up or down.

Ald. Danzinger questioned the next step in the process and if that was going to City Council with a concept to see if they back it and would be willing to allow bonding for it. Staff replied yes.

Ald. Danzinger added that we need to explore the City Council's level of commitment to this pool. The City has already committed to \$3,500,000 when the Friends of Colburn

Pool raised its \$1,000,000 portion. We would need to see if the City Council would be willing to bond almost twice that amount and where we could make cuts for that \$2,300,000 gap. He wondered if that was a discussion for the current City Council or the new Council after election.

Ald. Wiezbiskie would feel uncomfortable dumping this issue on the new Council when they have not been adequately brought up to speed on the history of the project. If we did build the Olympic-size pool, we have this huge cost while it only operates for 10 weeks out of the year. There are large pools out there being built right now those swimmers can use.

Ald. Danzinger reiterated that costs are associated with reengineering the 25-yard pool as well. The next step is to find the level of commitment dollar-wise to the pool. If we are stuck to the already-committed \$4,500,000, we will have to go with an alternative plan to both concepts presented.

Ald. Moore said we have to finalize a concept and start the design work on it. Then we figure out a way to pay for it. We have found money in the past; he is just not certain we can find \$2,300,000.

Ald. Danzinger said our options are (1) to commit to the \$4,500,000 and build a concept within that budget; (2) that the quality of life and value of a 50-meter pool would be worth the \$6,800,000 budget and move forward with that; or (3) find an alternative funding source outside of City funds. Do we determine that level of commitment next week with the current City Council or with the Council after the election?

Ald. Moore would like to make a recommendation and send it to Council floor. The Council members can then accept, deny, or modify the recommendation.

Ald. Danzinger reminded the Park Committee that the Council making the determination on concept will be a different Council than the one approving the bonding.

Ald. Moore feels it should be brought to the current City Council. He offered that Director Cramer would be very attentive to new Council members and will bring them up to speed in the decision-making process when they are elected.

Ald. Wiezbiskie expressed his concern with dealing with Committee issues on the Council floor.

Ald. Nennig said the Council has already given us direction when they said to build the pool for \$4,500,000. It is our responsibility to come in as close to that as we can. The smaller pool with various amenities came in at \$5,000,000. That is the concept that should be forwarded to City Council for approval as it comes closest to the guidelines the Council gave us.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked if Ald. Nennig would consider an addendum to the motion, such as asking the Friends of Colburn Pool to come up with additional funds towards the overage of \$500,000 from the original budgeted amount.

Ald. Nennig preferred to bring it to Council as is and let them decide.

Ald. Wiezbiskie would like to hear what the City Council has to say about the additional \$500,000 needed over the original \$4,500,000 budget.

Ald. Moore said the current City Council has been working with this pool for years, and they should have a chance to make a decision or refer it back to staff to wait for the new City Council to come in.

A motion was made by Ald. Nennig and seconded by Ald. Moore to forward the \$5,000,000 Colburn neighborhood pool concept to the full City Council for discussion. Motion carried.

5. Report of the Purchasing Manager

Request approval to award a contract to Commercial Recreation Specialist for the design and manufacture of a custom climbing wall for the Joannes Aquatic Center

The Park Committee bonded \$30,000 in 2015 to purchase and install a rock climbing wall at the Joannes Aquatic Center. Individuals can climb the wall and safely drop into the pool after reaching the top. This aquatic center is now 20 years old, and there is a desire to bring a new attraction to the facility. Requests for Proposals were sent out through the Purchasing Department. Two companies responded to the proposal. Each company was given a budget of \$30,000 and was asked to submit up to two proposals. The proposed wall sizes and prices varied dramatically for each proposal.

Ald. Wiezbiskie questioned why the bidding was completed in this way. Staff responded that climbing walls are made differently by various companies. Some will only build them to certain heights; wall sizes are all different. We also did not want to limit these parameters to exclude possible bidders. Playground proposals are done very similarly.

Three individuals scored the proposals based on engineered specifications, safety, aesthetics, warranty, and references. The budget was given to the companies in the Request for Proposals so price was not part of the scoring. Staff is recommending the purchase of a 13' x 11' climbing wall from Commercial Recreation Specialist for the cost of \$28,581. The selected wall is actually the lowest square foot price at \$165/square foot.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked if the City has done business with Commercial Recreation Specialist prior to this. Staff replied yes.

Ald. Wiezbiskie questioned liability, and staff responded that the walls are very safe, as much as a diving well, and carry their own safety specifications.

All three individuals scored this wall proposal the highest. This recommended vendor has a lifetime warranty on the frame and two-year warranty on the panels.

In addition, the panels are textured and can be rotated and flipped to create new climbing experiences. Park staff will install the wall.

A motion was made by Ald. Nennig and seconded by Ald. Moore to award a contract to Commercial Recreation Specialist for the design and manufacture of a custom climbing wall for the Joannes Aquatic Center for \$28,581. Motion carried.

6. Director's Report

Potential cold temperatures are keeping us from turning the water on to some park shelters. Mid-April is typically the time for us to safely get those restrooms open.

The contractor will begin work on Atkinson Wall in April.

Youth dance concluded with dance recitals at West High School. 865 people attended the year-end celebration at the annual recitals on February 29 and March 1, 2016. Over 150 dancers showcased their routines.

The East River Trail demolition is nearly completed. Site restoration work needs to be finished.

Metro boat launch docks will be fully placed by the week of April 12, 2016. Two docks will be available in the coming weeks.

Renovations to the Resch Conservation Wing and the bat exhibit were completed by the employees at the Park Shop.

Ald. Danzinger stated that it has been a pleasure working with all of the Parks, Recreation, & Forestry staff. Thank you for the time and commitment you put in.

Director Cramer thanked Ald. Danzinger for everything he has done for the Parks Department and the City of Green Bay.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore to receive and place on file the Director's Report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.